

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ADJUSTMENTS
TO CERTAIN WATER RATES AND CHARGES
BY THE TOWN OF WHITESTOWN, INDIANA**

Property owners, ratepayers, and other interested parties in or served or to be served by the waterworks of the Town of Whitestown, Indiana ("Town") are hereby notified that at its February 8, 2017 meeting, the Town Council introduced proposed Ordinance No. 2017-06 ("Ordinance"), which would adjust certain rates and charges for the Town's water utility. The Town Council will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 15, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. local time at the Whitestown Municipal Complex, 6210 Veterans Drive, Whitestown, Indiana, in order to receive public input on the Ordinance. Please note that the adjustments do not affect existing water customers/connections except for multi-family residential connections (e.g., apartments, duplexes, etc.) with multiple units or service spaces, by applying the same minimum charge on a per unit basis as other single family residential connections. The Ordinance also adjusts the rates that would be charged to the "New Extraterritorial Connection Area," which excludes all current connections to the waterworks (both inside and outside the Town), as well as all property within the current municipal boundaries of the Town (even if not currently connected). **Accordingly, existing connections (both inside or outside of the Town) are not subject to those charges.**

Although many of the charges of the waterworks are not amended by the Ordinance, the Ordinance also restates the unaltered charges for convenience. The full schedule of rates and charges is more fully set forth in the Ordinance. Those portions of the rates and charges that would be amended by the Ordinance are as follows:

Schedule of Amended Water Charges
Under Proposed Ordinance No. 2017-06

Water Rates and Charges

Each customer shall pay a monthly rate for each service connection which shall be a flow charge based on the amount of water consumed, but in no event less than the minimum monthly service charge established for the Customers' applicable size meter. There shall be and there is hereby established for the availability, use of, and/or the service rendered within the Whitestown Municipal Water System the following schedule of rates and charges:

Flow Charge

<u>Consumption per month</u>		<u>Rate Per 1,000 Gallons</u>	
		Existing Connection Area	New Extraterritorial Connection Area
First	2,000 gallons	No Change	\$15.27
Next	5,000 gallons	No Change	9.16
Next	13,000 gallons	No Change	8.94
Next	30,000 gallons	No Change	8.77
Over	50,000 gallons	No Change	8.66

Minimum Service Charge Per Month

Each metered user shall pay a minimum monthly service charge in accordance with the following applicable size meter installed or unit. Multi-family residential connections (e.g., apartments, duplexes, etc.) with multiple units or service spaces (e.g., leasing office), shall pay the minimum service charge for a 5/8" meter for each unit or separate service space unless the minimum monthly charge for the applicable meter size set forth below is greater. By way of example, an apartment in the Existing Connection Area with a 1" meter and 2 units will pay a minimum service charge of \$54.06 per month (\$27.03 x 2 units).

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Minimum Monthly Charge</u>	
	Existing Connection Area	New Extraterritorial Connection Area
5/8 or 3/4" meter (or each unit)	No Change	\$30.54
1" meter	No Change	32.05
1-1/2" meter	No Change	33.56
2" meter	No Change	37.71
3" meter	No Change	68.25
4" meter	No Change	79.56
6" meter	No Change	105.96
8" meter	No Change	136.13

At the March 15, 2017 meeting of the Town Council, any property owners, ratepayers, or anyone else interested in the proceedings may appear and be heard concerning the proposed rates and charges. The hearing may be adjourned if necessary. The Ordinance includes a rate differential of 13% on customers who will connect after the date of the Ordinance in the "New Extraterritorial Connection Area" (as such term is defined in the Ordinance). No customers in the "Existing Connection Area," neither inside nor outside the Town, will be subject to the rate differential. Although the Ordinance does not include a surcharge of greater than 15% on customers located outside the corporate boundaries of the Town, I.C. 8-1.5-3-8.1(c) requires that this notice include a statement that following adoption of the Ordinance, users of the works for service to property located outside the Town's corporate boundaries may be entitled to petition the IURC under I.C. 8-1.5-3-8.3 (when a rate differential exceeds 15%) to review and address the rates and charges imposed on the users if a petition under I.C. 8-1.5-3-8.2 with respect to the same rate ordinance has not been filed.

For further information regarding the proposed Ordinance, please contact the Town Manager at (317) 732-4530. Complete copies of the Ordinance may be reviewed at the Municipal Complex, 6210 Veterans Drive, Whitestown, Indiana 46075.

TOWN OF WHITESTOWN
/s/ Matt Sumner, Clerk-Treasurer
March 2, 2017